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FW: Submission on Central Coast Regional Plan - re. Proposed Warnervale Airport

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Dear Sir / Madam

I am a resident of Wyong Shire I find that it is inappropriate that Councillor Doug Eaton can continue to spend money - this the third proposal - trying to build a regional airport in contravention of the Warnervale Airport Restrictions Act. Ratepayers money is continually being wasted and the whole issue continues to be dealt with in confidential so that ratepayers do not know what the Mayor is doing. Previous studies found that a regional airport would impact on more homes than anywhere else in NSW. Further, with the second Sydney Airport being built and Williamstown being upgraded it is extremely doubtful that a regional airport would succeed. Wyong Shire ratepayers cannot afford an expensive white elephant on the whim of one councillor who controls the council voting block

I am opposed to the inclusion of the Warnervale Airport in the Central Coast Regional Plan. A Regional Airport at Warnervale is incompatible with the Goals of the Regional Plan:

- **Goal 1: Enhance community lifestyles and accelerate housing supply.** An airport would destroy community lifestyles and make surrounding housing undesirable to live in. It may render some areas planned for urban release unsuitable, reducing housing supply. Proposed flight paths are over or adjacent to Wyee, Mountain Road Warnervale, Alison, Watanobbi, North Wyong, Wyong, Bruce Crescent, Warnervale and the new Town Centre.
- **Goal 2: Grow and diversify Regional Economy.** An airport at Warnervale will effectively contract the Regional Economy by sterilising valuable and unique industrial land, destroying 626 industrial jobs (SGS) and hampering economic diversity. Wyong Council said of the Warnervale Airport site in 2014, "This will become the employment hub that kick starts the Warnervale Employment Zone development estimated to create 6,000 jobs."
- **Goal 3: Sustain productive landscapes.** 900m of Warnervale Airport is to be located in Porters Creek Wetland which forms part of the drinking water catchment for the Central Coast. The presence of a large airport with an 1800m runway penetrating this pristine environment puts the water supply at serious risk of contamination.
- **Goal 4: Protect and manage the natural and cultural environment.** The airport site is surrounded by environmentally sensitive land. The 1,800m runway and safety runoff penetrates 900m into the SEPP 14 and E2 zoned Porters Creek Wetland.

**I thank Planning NSW for removing the airport from the Draft Central Coast Regional Plan and request that there is NO AIRPORT in the final Central Coast Regional Plan.**

This airport is not viable, not necessary and is contrary to all the goals stated in the Draft Plan.